



BROTHERS OF ST GABRIEL

"Through Work Achieves Success"



*Cor Immaculatum Mariae
Ora pro nobis*



Words from the Provincial Superior

Bro. Francis Chua

Dear Brothers & Friends of Montfort

Our Province marked and commemorated the Tercentenary of the Origin of the Brothers of St. Gabriel (1715) and the Death of Montfort (1716 – 2016) with joyful and meaningful activities. Three hundred years is a long time. We stand in awe that our Founder St. Louis Marie De Montfort who lived only for 43 years and in active ministry for sixteen years had bequeathed us his legacy and a spirituality that live on not only among Montfortians but for the whole church. So fittingly, our Institutions took time to organise Study Days among the Brothers, Staff, Students and Associates to study the man (Montfort) and his much quoted sayings such as ‘Open The Door to Jesus’, ‘God Alone’, ‘Those whom the world rejects must move you the most’, ‘To Jesus through Mary’ etc. and shared among us how Montfort’s teachings and beliefs had inspired and impacted our lives.

We also held Triduums, Praise and Worship, Sharings and in Montfort Youth Training Centre in Sabah, the Students built a ‘Living Rosary’ made up of lanterns and planted around the campus ground. During the night of the recitation of the Rosary, each “Hail Mary’ lantern was lighted up and offered as a gift to Mother Mary.

In Montfort Boys Town, Shah Alam, the celebrations culminated at a Eucharistic Celebration presided by His Grace Archbishop Joseph Salvador Marino, Apostolic Nuncio on 28th April, 2016. This was followed by a celebratory dinner attended by a huge gathering. In conjunction with the Tercentenary, Brother Peter Kolandaisamy and Brother Robin Devasagayam participated in the Montfortian Pilgrimage and the closing celebration for the Tercentenary in France from 11th April to 6th May 2016.

All of the above calls us on for deeper reflections for renewed commitments to follow courageously and closely in Montfort’s footsteps in reaching out to the poor and the neglected youth in our society.

We had just concluded our Province Chapter to elect the new Provincial Councillors for the term of office July 2016 – June 2019. My heartiest congratulation to the newly elected Councillors and Provincial Superior; Bro John Albert. Let us pray and support our new Provincial and his Councillors as they embark on steering the Province to greater heights. As my term of office ends on 30th June 2016, I take this opportunity to express my deep and sincere thanks to all the Brothers in the Province for your fraternal love, prayers and support given to me and my Council Members.

Montfort mission will not have grown to such an extent if not for the support of our Teachers, Staff and Lay Associates and Collaborators who journeyed by our side. We Brothers are few in our Province, so for the spirit of Montfort to continue to live on, we need each other, Brothers and Lay, to continue to build our educative mission and to provide shelter for the homeless and to bind up the wounded in our midst.

As you flip through the pages of this Issue of our Province Bulletin, you will see the spirit of Montfort coming alive in the vibrant and multi-faceted activities among the Youth being carried out in the respective Montfort Schools and Institutions in our Province. In all things, I give thanks to God for each one of you. You will all remain in my prayers.



The New Leadership Team

(L-R) Bro Dominic Yeo-Koh, Bro Peter K, Bro John Albert (Provincial Superior), Bro FX Gasper and Bro Robin D.



Assumption Pathway School (APS) Singapore

By Ms Emelia Lee

The year 2016 marks the 300th anniversary of our Montfortian history. Since his death in April 1716, the mission of St. Louis Marie de Montfort had spread worldwide and today we have seven affiliated institutions in Singapore, including APS. Our belief, that every child is unique, with potential talents and latent abilities, is the foundation on which we have built an alternative education focused on core values and vocational skills.

APS has been moving from strength to strength in vocational training related to the Food & Beverage (F&B) industry since its inception in 2009. The Assumption Restaurant for Training (The ART) was established in 2011, and the steady increase in its patronage over the years has contributed to a more authentic, real-life training for our students.

In 2014, we established our first overseas Memorandum of Understanding for an exchange programme involving the Korea Food Service Science High School (KFSSHS). This is the second year we have hosted Korean students at APS.

In 2015, our Assumption Baking Production Kitchen commenced operations. Students at this production kitchen work to a rigorous production schedule, supplying The ART with its daily needs for baked products, as well as cake and pastry orders by customers, partners and other stakeholders. Students also manage one stall at our school canteen, selling baked items and hot beverages.



The Korean Students



Mr. Eric Leong, principal of APS (right) presenting the memento to Mr. Heng Guan Teck (left)

This year, we are proud to introduce a new ITE Skills Certificate (ISC) in Culinary Skills. APS and the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) had been working together on the curriculum for this new course and we were proud to have Mr Heng Guan Teck, Deputy CEO (Academic) from ITE gracing our Graduation ceremony this year as Guest-of-Honour.

APS now has 6 vocational courses, of which 3 relate to the F&B industry. To keep pace with the changes in the school curriculum and industry trends, The ART will be undergoing renovations later this year. As APS offers an Asian Culinary module under ISC (Culinary Skills), new facilities at The ART will include live stations for students to provide Asian fare to our customers.

In addition to teaching vocational skills, APS also emphasizes character development. This is supported by a strong structure for pastoral care, a firm behaviour management system and good teacher-pupil relationships. Our dedicated staff also put in many hours for professional learning and planning, and giving their best in all that they do so as to make APS a school of vocational and academic excellence, as well as a place to cultivate good character and values.





Boys' Town, Singapore

By Elaine Chong

Boys' Town Adventure Centre

With a mission to touch hearts and stimulate minds, we have established a therapeutic programme where people and nature entwine.

Called adventure therapy, the programme is open to children and youth, especially those experiencing unresolved conflict, damaged relationships and post-traumatic stress. Whether it is scaling a natural rock wall or traversing water rapids, participants are made to reflect and learn hands-on to work around the environment they are in.

The programme is run by our new Boys' Town Adventure Centre (BTAC) and provides challenge courses, mountain expeditions, and outdoor sports certification for both existing beneficiaries and the public. The BTAC complements the years of experience Boys' Town has conducting sports and adventure activities to develop our beneficiaries' self-esteem and help them overcome mental barriers. Since BTAC started in January 2016, it has conducted a few adventure therapy sessions for our boys, local secondary schools, as well as customized programmes for at-risk youths associated with gangs. The centre will have a new adventure tower at the end of the year sponsored by a donor.

The public, including adults, are welcome to sign-up for BTAC programmes. Proceeds will go towards supporting Boys' Town's operations. Contact us at 66905420 or info@boystown.org.sg to find out more.

"Like most young people, Royston has dreams of how his future would be like. The 17-year-old loves sharing about raising a big family and working in a restaurant one day.*

What sets him apart from the other boys are his sensory difficulties and his past, both of which are inextricably linked.

Royston was born with impaired neurological responses. As a child, he showed difficulty understanding information and often gets overwhelmed by his senses.

With adventure therapy, he was able to manage sensory triggers and control his outbursts. A supportive supervisor who brought him on the wilderness expedition helped him build self-awareness as he connected with nature."



Camaraderie Camp

We held our annual orientation camp for the boys from 8 to 10 January with a slew of team building activities including outdoor camping, dragon boating to a campfire with BBQ and night games. The 3-day event was organized with some volunteers from STEP Chapter who have been providing weekly tuition for the boys.

Family Day

On 19 February, we celebrated Lunar New Year and Family Day with our youths from Boys' Town and YouthReach. The beneficiaries were given a chance to share their testimonies and gratitude to their families while they served them dinner and put up special performances.



A Sanctuary for Young Ones

Boys' Town has taken over a new foster care service and named it Sanctuary Care. Known previously as Sanctuary House, the foster care service looked after children and babies in need of immediate care and shelter. It had to close down due to manpower issues.



Ms Risela Darmawan (left) and Ms Gillian McConnell are among the staff running the Sanctuary Care service at Boys' Town.

Boys' Town took over the service because we believed it is valuable and complemented our mission to offer a continuum of alternative care services that meets each child's best interest.

We currently also provide a foster care service for abused or neglected children sent to us by the Ministry of Social and Family Development.

With Sanctuary Care, we will be assisting low income parents who need short-term childcare help, such as those who are ill, or facing a family or pregnancy crisis.

Foster parents will look after the children typically up to six months while social workers help the natural family work through their problems so they are better able to care for their children.

"When her mother had to go into a drug rehab centre, 2-year old Julie was sent to live with foster parents. Julie's father was absent and there was no extended family to turn to. With a foster family, Julie found a safe home to stay until she can return to her mother."*

No matter what kind of contribution you can make, your time and energy will help a child in need. Contact us at 66905420 or info@boystown.org for details.

**Name has been changed for privacy*





Assumption English School (AES), Singapore

By Mr. Tang Hsin Wei

AES Returning Home and School Blessing on Montfort Feast Day



Assumption English School returned to its original campus at Upper Bukit Timah Road in December 2015. The school was temporarily relocated from 2013 to 2015 to facilitate the upgrading of school facilities. Assumption English School now has six levels of bigger classrooms to better cater to students with differing needs and abilities, guiding them to excel academically.

On 29 April 2016, in conjunction with the celebration of Montfort Feast Day, Catholic staff and students attended the Feast Day Mass graced by Fr Edward Seah from St. Anne's Church. This was followed by the blessing of the school by the priests.

"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Col. 3:14-17 English Standard Version)



Student Council Investiture 2016

The Student Council Investiture 2016 took place on 7 April to officiate the handover of leadership from the Secondary 4 Student Councillors to the incoming Secondary 3 Student Councillors. This year, we are proud to invite ex-Assumptionite and former Student Council President, Louis Teo Zi Wang, back to his alma mater as the Guest-of-Honour for this event.

"I hope to see Assumptionites embody the spirit of Resilience and Trust – trust that whatever the challenges may be, we are not alone, and should not be alone for we have one another to fall back on. I hope for a strong school spirit – one that will allow us to proudly hold the values of The White and The Blue in our hearts long after we leave the school," Trina Ng, elected President of the Student Council, shared her aspiration. "Let's work to achieve this dream as one big family!"

Founder's Day and Prize-Giving Ceremony

The School celebrates the holistic achievements of Assumptionites at the annual Prize-Giving Ceremony on 28 April 2016, with lawyer Ms Suja Thomas, an alumna of AES, as Guest-of Honour. Besides academic excellence, special awards such as Vincent Award of Excellence and Emmanuel Leadership Award recognizes Assumptionites' pursuit in holistic achievements. The Sportsman of the Year Award also recognises an Assumptionite for his/her sport at Zonal and National levels, exhibiting good sportsmanship, all rounded fitness and overall good conduct.

The award recipients have lived up to the school's motto, "Labor Omnia Vincit!"



Sportsman of the Year Award
Soccer player Abdul Qahar Bin Taufeeq Affandey



Supervisor of Schools Brother Dominic Yeo-Koh
Gracing the ceremony



Vincent Award of Excellence 2016 recipient
Daniel Jovin with Guest of Honour Ms Suja Thomas





Montfort Schools (MSS and MJS), Singapore

By Ms. Ng Li Yi

MONTFORT CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS – CELEBRATING OUR PAST, CHARTING OUR FUTURE

Centennial Mass

Montfort Centennial Celebrations kicked off with a mass at Church Of The Nativity Of The Blessed Virgin Mary on 16th January. More than 1000 Montfortians came together to give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed upon Montfort Schools in the past 100 years. This Eucharistic Celebration, with Archbishop William Goh as the main celebrant, was followed by the blessing of the Centennial Candles to be given as souvenirs.

Montfort School was formerly known as Holy Innocent English School. It was established in 1916 by Father H. Duvelle in the vicinity of the Holy Nativity Church. In 1936, the Brothers of St. Gabriel took over the management of the school under the Directorship of Bro. Gerard Majella. It was the first school of the Brothers in Singapore. The school had produced many leaders and priests, including the Archbishop William Goh of Singapore and Bishop Sebastian Francis of Penang.



Bishop Sebastian Francis of Penang (left) and Archbishop William Goh of Singapore (centre)



Brothers of St Gabriel
(L-R) Bro Roger Venne, Bro Pierre-Paul and Bro Francis Chua



Fund Raising Dinner

On Saturday, 9 April, about 300 people gathered at Four Seasons Hotel to celebrate Montfort Schools' 100 years and to raise funds for the schools. The Guest-Of-Honour, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, graced the occasion. The Prime Minister took time to talk to some students and he even took selfie with them before entering the banquet hall

Founder's Day and Homecoming Carnival

Mr Lim Boon Heng, Honorary Life President & Patron of Montfort Alumni, was the Guest-Of-Honour on Saturday, 23 April 2016 when Montfortians and well-wishers gathered to celebrate Montfort Schools' 100th Founder's Day. Mr Lim related his story of how Montfort School had helped shape him to be the person he is. After the ceremony, Mr Lim was invited to declare the opening of the Centennial Homecoming Carnival. It was a memorable day for all.



Providing a Holistic Education through Modular CCA

Modular CCA (MCCA) was introduced in 2016 to provide every Montfortian with a more holistic education where they will participate in a compulsory MCCA or CCA during curriculum hours. The intent is for our boys to develop a love for sports, an appreciation of visual or performance arts and an exposure to computational thinking.



Montfort Care launches a social innovative community kitchen for the stay alone seniors

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From recipient of charity to active contributor to the society



Singapore – *GoodLife! Makan*, a brand new programme by Montfort Care that encourages stay alone seniors to come together, to provide for the community, was officially opened by Guest-of-Honour, Emeritus Senior Minister (ESM) Goh Chok Tong on the 30th January, 2016. In his address, the ESM said that the society in general looked at the senior citizen as problem because we need to look after them. He stressed that old people staying alone is not a problem anymore. He said that Montfort Care with its social innovative effort, the senior citizen now can come together with their skills to prepare and cook dishes and also to wash the crockery and utensils. “This social innovative is to give meaning in life for those who are staying alone and not to be isolated,” the ESM who is also the Member of Parliament for Marine Parade, said.

Mr. Paul Beh, the Chairman of Montfort Care said, “The senior citizens are now active participants in the community. They were from recipient of charity to active contributor to the society.” He also said that the ESM had been very supportive to the efforts of Montfort Care.

CEO of Montfort Care, Mr Samuel Ng said, “At GoodLife! Makan, seniors share more than just the food on the plate. They share experiences, knowledge, space and kinship. By building a sharing economy, we deliver more than just food, it also act as a social glue for the seniors.”

By building a sharing economy, we deliver more than just food; it also acts as social glue for the seniors.” With the opening of GoodLife! Makan, Mr Ng hopes that the centre can increase involvement of their stay alone clients, empower them to discover new potential and to connect with the community. He added, “We want to change perception of stay alone seniors as objects of charity to seeing them as active and capable individuals; to move from end of life to a new lease of life.”



ESM Mr. Goh flanked by Mr. Ng (left) and Mr. Beh (right)

With stay alone senior households becoming more prevalent due to factors such as a rapidly ageing population and changing family structures, GoodLife! Makan hopes to create a space that allows seniors to create bonds and rediscover their potential with the help of the community. Located at Blk 52 Marine Terrace, GoodLife! Makan is a community kitchen with a twist.

Using food as the talking point, the centre not only offers a place for stay alone seniors to prepare, cook and share their meals with one another but more importantly, a space for conversations, learning and companionship

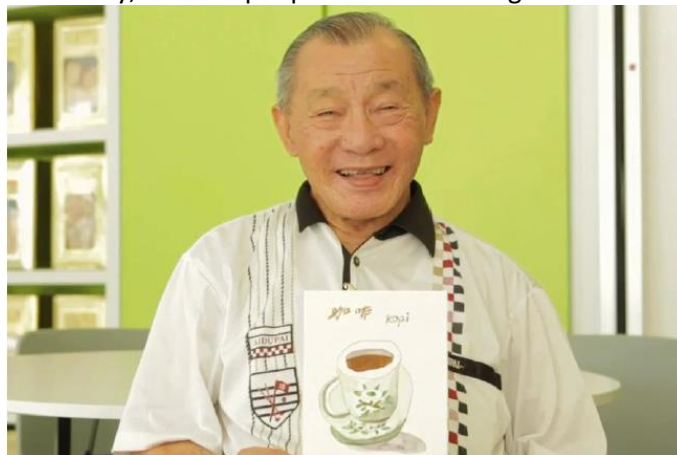
The colourful 160sqm centre is a 60-person centre established by Montfort Care at the void deck in Marine Parade, with a communal kitchen at its nucleus. Seniors are empowered to plan and cook their meals. Everyone is expected to participate for meal times; in food selection, shopping, preparation, cooking and eating. The focus of GoodLife! Makan is to reach seniors with limited socialising opportunities, provide access to healthy food, life skills empowerment, social interaction and community development.



Senior citizens showing their skills

In addition to food, the Centre also provides learning opportunities to allow seniors to rediscover their potential through participation and meaningful engagement with the community. A resident, who has been benefiting from the programme since October 2015, is 78 years old retiree, Mr Ku Thien Wee. A bachelor who lives on his own, Mr. Ku was referred to Montfort Care after recovering from a fall in the hospital

“I didn’t know I can draw till I was 78 years old!” he said of the creative arts programme that he participated in. “I took part in the drawing class and have also been practicing drums with the others. I have come to understand that the possibilities are endless, even at the age of 78. We don’t just come for lunch, but we come to help out as well. I will cook if my feet allow me to; otherwise I help to clean the dishes. For me, it isn’t the ingredients that make the food tasty, but the people that I am eating with.”



Mr. Ku Thien Wee

During the launching ceremony, the guests were served with meals and drinks prepared by the senior citizens. They were happy to show their skills in preparing the food. The guests were also entertained with some performances including the senior citizens dancing to the beat.



Note

Makan is the Malay word for eat.

For more information, please visit; www.montfortcare.org.sg



Montfort Boys' Town, Shah Alam

By Arulannandam S and Ms. Jacqueline Anthony

As we begin this year acknowledging "The Year of Mercy", we truly believe that God is blessing us and many events and happenings are the signs of His Love and Grace to us. Following are some of the glimpses of blessings.

Career Talk and Job Placement activity:

Various career talks were organized for all the 2nd year students with a focus on the Industry that they will choose to work. Among others were, Impressive Edge Sdn Bhd, Sanjung Khas Sdn Bhd, YTL, MFM and an Industrial visit to Edge Sdn Bhd in Malacca. About 70 companies took part in the job fair and almost all got their offer letters for employment. A few decided to further their studies while some wanted to work in their respective home towns.



Montfort Feast Day – 28th April 2016:

It was a "Tercentenary celebration, commemorating the Origin of the Brothers of St Gabriel (1715) and the death of Montfort (1716 -2016). A thanksgiving mass was concelebrated by His Grace Archbishop Joseph Salvador Marino (Apostolic Nuncio to Malaysia) and clergy from Arch Diocese as well as Rev. Fr. Moses Lui from Johor Malacca Diocese. Many religious Brothers and Sisters too came to celebrate this event. Students and staff from MYC as well as Bro. Francis Chua (Provincial) and a few staff from MYTC made the occasion more graceful. Bro. Francis Chua in his welcoming speech highlighted that vocation to religious congregations are diminishing. As such, the respective parish priest should promote vocations to all the faithful. Not forgetting our Archbishop Julian Leow who joined us for the dinner function.



Archbishop Julian Leow giving his address

In conjunction with Montfort Feast Day, we incorporated the School Leavers Night and the 2nd year students gave their best performances and entertained the guests. It was a great celebration where all of us witnessed the 300 years – "Tercentenary Celebration" here in Montfort Boys Town.

Graduation Ceremony 2016

This “Graduation Ceremony” is our annual event where we witness our students graduating from 7 faculties ie: Motor Mechanics, Machining, Graphic Design & Multimedia, Computer Maintenance, Bakery & Pastry, Hospitality and Electrical. A total of 180 students (43 girls and 137 boys) received their scrolls. Our Chief Guest for the day was Mr. Ng Teck Seng – General Manager of Kuok Foundation.

It was a proud moment for the 2nd year students who made their parents proud by receiving various awards namely – Best Trainee of each respective trade, Bro. Roberge Award for Leadership Qualities, Bro. Evariste Award for Outstanding Improvements, Bro. Henry Award for Creativity, Bro. Fernand Award for Good Discipline and Outstanding Prefect Award.

The Scholar of the Year 2016, Tan Chun Yi from the Electrical Department, received RM 2,000.00 as a token. The recipient of Madam Eva Gomez Endowment Fund was Ms. Wong Sau Ling from the Hospitality Department and she received RM 1,000.00 as a token.



Christian Staff Retreat at Port Dickson



The retreat facilitated by Bro. John Dacruz was held on the 9th to 11th May; where 22 of us participated including Bro. Peter Issac, Bro. Mark Tee and Sr. Roslin. It was an experience where we were asked to determine the stage of life we were at... i.e Dependency – Independence – Interdependence – Transcendence – Imminence. Using basic Life Skills, the group was encouraged to share our thoughts and listen to one another. It was difficult to ‘train’ ourselves to listen without giving our views or judgments. To help us along, we had exercises and activities to help us ‘let go’ or breakdown the rigid structures and traditions which keep us

from being able to come to a common practice / understanding. The main challenge here was to organize a common celebration where Catholics and Christians could participate meaningfully. Overall, because of our individual mind set, we found it challenging to ‘strike the balance’; breaking out of our ‘structured beliefs’ was upsetting. But when we were able to do so, we were able to compromise, and together we organized a ‘bread-breaking service’. In the short time given, we were able to divide ourselves into groups looking into various functions, i.e. logistics, choir, prayer etc. It was a very significant experience. For me, the success of this retreat is not measured by how much fun we had or how smoothly the ‘bread-breaking service’ took place ... it was simply a personal benefit and it also gave me the avenue to know my brothers / sisters a little better than before and accept them for the persons they are.



Montfort Youth Training Centre, Sabah

By Ms Marcella Tiong

MANDALIPAU PROJECT – An Out-reach programme of MYTC.

With the graces and blessing from God, the construction of St. Dominic Savio Chapel was completed in time for the Holy Week and Easter Celebration on 27th March 2016.

In the true Montfortian Spirit, the Chapel was built and furnished with the love offerings from Friends of Montfort and Donors who contributed both cash and in-kind such as floor tiles, concrete ready mix, roofing, Mother Mary's statue and Corpus. The Trainees from MYTC's Carpentry Workshop built 24 units of pews, wooden cross, tabernacle, priestly chairs, rostrum, altar and stand for Mother Mary's statues. The new chapel, which was built on the diocese land has 150 seating capacity. The 347.91 square metre (21.95m x 15.85m) chapel building cost is RM 162,000.00 (of which a worth of RM 41,200.00 building materials were donated by benefactors). It took about nine (9) months to complete.

The community project came about a year ago when the community leaders from Mandalipau approached Montfort to help build a community hall next to the existing chapel. After surveying and upon further discussion with the parish priest of St Joseph's Papar, Rev. Fr. Thomas Yip and with the community leaders, it was decided to leave the existing chapel and turn it into the community hall. Instead a new Chapel would be constructed to serve the 200 families in and around the eight (8) villages in Mandalipau. The Chapel is within the parochial area of St. Joseph's Church, Papar.

Recently, the government constructed the asphaltic concrete road for the benefit of the agrarian Dusunic community in the village and its vicinity to develop agronomic activities. Nevertheless, there was no road leading to the chapel. A new 100m gravel road was constructed from the existing asphaltic road to the chapel. This gravel road was materialized through the Member of the State Legislative Assembly Man of the said area.

The new St. Dominic Savio's Chapel, which is 25km from MYTC and 22Km from St. Joseph's Parish Church will be blessed and dedicated by Archbishop John Wong on 11th June 2016 in the presence of Friends of Montfort, Donors and Benefactors.



NEW LIFE IN THE RISEN LORD

After journeying for two years, a total of thirty-five Trainees were confirmed by Archbishop John Wong on 26th January 2016 at St. Augustine's Church in Kinarut while another eleven of them received the initiating sacraments of baptism, first holy communion and confirmation on 26th March 2016 during the Easter Vigil presided by Rev. Fr Eric Jerome at the same church.



New Confirmants with Archbishop John Wong, Rev Fr Wiandigool and Rev Fr. Fundes Motiung

TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION

On 29th February 2016, Montfort Youth Training Centre launched the Tercentenary Celebration to mark the 300th year of the death of Saint Louis Marie de Montfort and the Founding of the Brothers of Saint Gabriel with the theme, "It is the Spirit that gives Life" which is taken from John 6:63. This quote fully the spirit of Montfort that is still moving in the institutions that were founded in his name. Montfort who only lived 43 years and died 300 years ago continues to inspire many men and women to reach out to the neglected people in the midst.



MYTC's Study Day



San Damiano's Boy's Hostel's Study Day



St Mary's Youth Hostel's Study Day

The Thematic Study Day

On the 4th of April 2016, ten groups comprising of Brothers, Staff and Students came today for the day to study and reflect on some of Montfort's quotes, to better understand and capture the spirit of Montfort. The groups later convened at the Open Hall to share what were their inspirations from the study. The Staff and Students at San Damiano Boys' Hostel in Kiulu and St. Mary's Youth Hostel in Sandakan also held the similar Study Day.

The Triduum

The Brothers, Staff and Students began the Triduum on the 8th April 2016 with Bro. Gasper reflecting on the Eternal Wisdom. The Celebration continued on the second day with the Praise & Worship joined by the Lay Associates, former Staff and past Trainees. This immediately followed by the Testimonials given by the representatives from the current and past Trainees, Staff, Lay Associates and Brothers on how Montfort had inspired and transformed their lives. The second day of the Triduum ended with the Living Rosary in the evening, echoing the Founder's call to devotion to Jesus through Mary.

The Living Rosary is a recitation of the Holy Rosary around the campus. Instead of the usual rosary prayer beads, the graduating Trainees made and planted the lanterns around the campus forming a gigantic rosary. Each lantern represented a bead and each of the graduating Trainees led the congregation in the prayer. The slight drizzle in the early part of evening did not dampen the spirit for the Montfortian family.



Opening of the Living Rosary (left) and Joel Stephen Cheek leading one bead of Rosary at his Lantern (right)



Crowning of Mother Mary



Procession and entrance into the chapel



Rev. Msgr. Primus Jouil presiding the Eucharistic Celebration



Cutting of the Tercentenary Cake by Brothers joined by Board Members and Religious

The Eucharistic Mass began with the procession and grand entrance of the thematic banners which the ten groups had earlier designed. In his homily, Monsignor Primus invited the congregation to reflect on the useful life that comes from the source of grace which transformed people. He added that Montfort is that source of grace and inspiration which transformed the Youth to be useful person. Earlier, the congregation had the Novena to Our Lady during which Mother Mary was crowned with three crowns of Wisdom, Power and Excellence.

The Celebratory Mass and Dinner

The Tercentenary Celebration climaxed on 10th April 2016 with the Eucharistic Mass presided by Rev Monsignor Primus Jouil.

Bro. Francis Chua, in his welcoming address, related the early days of the Brothers of St. Gabriel in Sabah and of Montfort Youth Training Centre.

He thanked the Benefactors and Friends including who have helped the Institution to grow to where it is today. Special mentions were made for Tan Sri Bernard Dompok who first invited the Brothers to come to Sabah, the Light of Jesus Christ Covenant Community who assisted the Brothers in the setting up of Montfort Youth Training Centre, the Daughters of St. Paul who helped the Brothers' Community and to Archbishop Emeritus John Lee who opened the Diocese to the Montfort Brothers.

YBhg Datuk Margaret Fung, the Board Members of the Governors, recalled how she got involved in the Institution from the early days of 1999 when the Institution just started. She thanked all the Friends of Montfort especially those who have been helping in the Open House of which she is the Organising Chairperson.

The guests were entertained by the Students including those from San Damiano Boys Hostel and St. Mary's Youth Hostel who made the trip to join in the celebration

MAY OBSTACLES RACE



Commando Trail



Bamboo Bridge

The Students Affairs Department held its annual May Obstacles Race for the Trainees on 2nd May 2016, supported by the Staff Club. San Damiano Boys' Hostel, Kiulu and St. Mary's Youth Hostel, Sandakan also sent their contingents comprising of prefects to participate in the event.

A total of twelve stations were set up by Immediate Past Prefects assisted by the current Prefects. These stations help the participants to overcome their limitations and fears while developing their determination, confidence, trust and courage. They also taught the Students to persevere in face of difficulties, to work together as a team, to solve a problem creatively and to support each other to face the challenges.

The May Obstacles Race was won by Mark House with a time of 2 hours 15 minutes, followed by John House who finished the Race in 2 hours 26 minutes. The third placing went to Francis House who returned with a time of 2 hours 34 minutes.

BATCH 16 GRADUATION DAY

A total of seventy-two (72) Trainees graduated on 21st May 2016 in front of their proud parents who arrived as early as 7:30am and came as far as Kuching Sarawak. Among the 72 graduates were 20 Mechanics, 18 Welders, 16 Carpenters and 18 Air-Conditioning Technicians. The happy occasion was officiated by His Honourable Tan Sri Richard Malanjum, the Chief Justice of Sabah and Sarawak and a former Board Member of Governors.



Graduates with Guest of Honour and Guests, Brothers, Management Committee and Coordinators

Bro. Francis Chua in his address said each year the Brothers, Staff, and Graduating Class and their parents look forward with thanksgiving to God to this day. It is always a happy coincident that the graduation falls on the month of *Kaamatan* (Harvest Festival). As we celebrate *Kaamatan*, we remember the harvest and of the hard work of planting the *padi* (rice). Just as the farmers harvested the *padi* after months of hard labour, here in Montfort with your support and investment in our Trainees, we too harvest.

Tan Sri Richard Malanjum, in his speech, urged the graduates to remember Montfort when you leave and become successful. He urged them to give back to the Institution whenever the Institution calls.

Earlier in April, eleven Trainees from Batch 16 had earlier sat for the Malaysian University English Test (MUET). Fifteen of the Welding Graduates had successfully obtained a pass in their Pipe Welding 6G Certification from The Welding Institute (TWI).

Majority of the Graduates had managed to secure employment with established companies based in Labuan, Peninsula Malaysia and around Sabah under Montfort Job Placement Scheme while a few of them expressed their intentions to look for the jobs themselves or pursue further studies in other institutions.



Nexron Petrus receiving the Best Trainee Award

The Best Trainee of the Batch Award went to Nexron Petrus who is from the Refrigeration & Air-conditioning Mechanics Department. Nexron, starting with Form 2 education, managed to attain *Terampil Cemerlang* (Pass with Excellence) in his SKM Level 2 and among the top scorers in Level 3 examination. He was one of the eleven Trainees selected to go for Malaysian University English Test (MUET). Nexron is also the Head Prefect in-charge of Paul House.

Emmanuel Lasius and Melvin Ambrose, both from Automotive Department, received the Overall Outstanding HQ Prefect and Overall Outstanding Head Prefect Awards for their commendable leadership shown in their one-year service rendered. Nexron Petrus and Emmanuel Lasius were also chosen to give testimony on their journey and transformation.



SAN DAMIANO BOYS' HOSTEL, KIULU

By Ms Marcella Tiong

2015 ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF THE BOARDERS



Jack Oswald Jude (right)

Out of ten Boarders who sat for the Secondary Three (PT3) examination in October 2015, nine of them passed while three of them managed to secure a place in the government technical schools in Labuan and Kota Kinabalu. The best student was Jack Oswald who had obtained 4As and 3Bs.

Of the six Boarders who sat for the Malaysian Education Certificate (SPM) examination, two of them continue their Form 6 education, two go to local colleges and another two Boarders go to skills colleges to study music and agriculture respectively.

Jack comes from Kg. Lobos, Bundu Tuhan in Kundasang. He was appointed to be the Prefect in-charge of Food & Beverage in 2015 and he represented the school at the state level in the debate competition held on 29th April 2016. He is also the school presentative in the chess competition. Jack speaks good English, the trait he has picked up from his stay at San Damiano Boys' Hostel. Jack has been with the Hostel since he was in Secondary One. His ambition is to become a teacher.



ORIENTATION WEEK

The Staff organised an orientation week for twelve new Boarders from the 4th to the 9th of January 2016. The orientation was to help the new Boarders to settle into the Montfortian communitarian lifestyle. Charles Dave Joa, the HQ Prefect in-charge of Discipline led the senior Boarders to assist in the orientation through the various activities including the tough morning exercises. As the Hostel was facing drought season, the new Boarders were also taught to conserve water by washing their bed sheets at the river behind the Hostel.



HIKING TO BOROMBON HILL

The Hostel organised a hiking to Borombon Hill on 20th February 2016 at the nearby village. The objective of the exercise is to help the Boarders to build up their endurance, stamina and determination to accomplish the challenge of completing the hike. The hiking also helped the Boarders to build up their team spirit and foster relationship with each other. It took the Boarders one hour to reach the peak of the *Bukit* (hill) Borombon. At the end of their hike, the Boarders understood the Montfort's slogan, "I Must, I Can!"

EDUCATIONAL VISIT

To encourage and motivate the Boarders to keep up their good academic results and speaking English, the Hostel organised an educational visit to Kota Kinabalu International Airport (KKIA) for ten of the best students. They were given a tour around the airport and exposed to the back scenes of the daily operations of the airport. They were briefed on the check-in procedures of the passengers. In addition, the Staff from Dragon Airlines gave a talk on the prospective job opportunities in the airline industry.



EASTER CONCERT and MONTH OF ROSARY

Three Boarders – Rayner Raimi, Rainleey David and Melvin Vincent – performed a play on “Resurrection of Jesus” during the Easter Concert held on 7th May 2016. The Concert was organised by Young Catholic Students Group under the supervision of the Sisters and the parish catechists.

The Staff and the Boarders gathered nightly at the Prayer Room to recite the Holy Rosary during the whole month of May to mark the Month of Mary. During the prayer, the Staff led the Boarders to reflect on the life of Jesus and how each Mystery of the Rosary can assist them in their daily life.



The Easter Concert



Praying the Rosary in the Chapel



ST. MARY'S YOUTH HOSTEL, SANDAKAN

By Ms Marcella Tiong

SECONDARY THREE (PT3) EXAMINATION TOP PERFORMER



Glen Albert Yong with Br. Michael (OSB)

Glen Albert Yong emerged as the top scorer among the twelve Boarders who sat for the 2015 Secondary Three (PT3) Examination when he obtained 5As and 1B. He was also among the top scorers in the District of Sandakan. Glen entered St. Mary's Youth Hostel when he was in Secondary Two, said that his stay at the Hostel helped me to excel in his academic studies. He aims to become a pilot and strives to continue doing well in his academic studies. Glen was appointed to the HQ Leader when he was in Secondary 3 and continued to lead the student leader body today.



Dellian Joeshen

Besides Glen, two other Boarders – Dellian Joeshon and Eldrick Ashly also did well with 3As each. Dellian also did well in his Annual School Sports Day where he was awarded the Best Sportsman Award for B Male Category for winning 5 gold medals.

OUTREACH TO PAITAN

On 16th March 2016, a group of 13 Senior Boarders accompanied by Students Affairs Officer Dieler Stevens went to Paitan at the invitation of the Yayasan Taiwan Buddhist Tzu Chi Malaysia. During the visit, the Boarders helped out in the community services of washing the hair of the primary school children, and to distribute the hampers of food and stationery to more than 200 people including the children. From the experience, the Boarders learnt to appreciate what they received, to be humble and love each other.



NEW CATECHUMEN AT THE HOSTEL



Ignatius Chung received a congratulatory card on his reception of the sacraments of baptism, first holy communion and confirmation

Chung Kian Loong received the sacrament of baptism on Easter Vigil on 27th March 2016 after journeying in RCIA for a year. He took on the name of Ignatius. Meanwhile, the Boarders were given a series of sessions on the Easter Triduum during the Holy Week to prepare them for the Easter Celebration.



Mr. Vincent Wong giving talk on Easter Triduum

TENNIS CLINIC

The Junior Tennis Association organised a weekly one-hour tennis clinic sessions for the Boarders. The clinic, started on 3rd April 2016, was conducted by a coach from Manoharan Junior Tennis Academy. A total of 27 Boarders signed up for the clinic



VISIT BY BIG BROTHERS FROM KINARUT CAMPUS

On 17th April 2016, the Boarders were honoured and happy to receive their big brothers from the Kinarut Campus who were their way back to the Campus after the field trip to Lahad Datu. The big brothers comprised of prefects were accompanied by the Management Committee led by the Director, Bro. Francis. They had a simple fellowship lunch at the Upper Floor, joined by the Advisory Members Mr. Raymond Wong and Ms. Susanna Hon.



MOTHER’S DAY CELEBRATION

The Boarders marked the special day on 8th May 2016 with a talk given by Mr. Vincent Wong, the Manager and a special prayer session for the mothers. The Boarders took the opportunity to call home and wished their mothers. In his talk, Mr. Vincent Wong urged the Boarders to appreciate and treasure their mothers for the sacrifices they had made for them. The Boarders expressed their love for their mother by creating their own special Mother’s Day card and wrote poem of appreciation and love.





Montfort Youth Centre, Melaka

By Ms Theresa Sia

LIFE SKILLS 4 YOUTH

18-27 January – An 8-day course on Life Skills 4 Youth was conducted for the 2nd Year students by Soroptimist International Club of Damansara, assisted by the ladies from the Lion's Club, Malacca. The Work Ready Now (WRN) training is Education Development Centre (EDC) programme conducted in collaboration with the J.P. Morgan Chase Foundation. This is the second batch of students who had benefited from this course. The photo shows the trainers, accompanied by Bro. Robin D and our staff Theresa with 1 group of the graduates on their graduation day. We thank the trainers and the sponsors for making this possible for our students.



VISITORS FROM SINGAPORE

Parishioners from St. Joseph's Church, Singapore visited MYC. They were shown around the institution by Bro. Peter K. Upon their request, the boys performed a few songs and as can be seen in the photo, they sang a song for the boys too. We wish to thank the parishioners for their kind donations.

WATOTO CONCERT

All boys, the Brothers and some staff attended a concert by the Watoto Performers who are orphans from Africa. The mission of the Watoto Performers is to share the Good News through music. We thank Ms. Caroline Chin from Agape Care Centre who had given us the complementary tickets.

GREEN CARD

13 students (11 from General Maintenance Department, 2 from Computer Maintenance Department) had obtained Green Card from the Construction Industries Development Board (CIDB) after attending the course and passing the examination. The license is for a 2-year period and renewable. With this license, the barer will be able to enter any construction site, thus raising their value in the market. 8 students later attended a 5-day Welding Course with the Board.

MALACCA-JOHORE RELIGIOUS MEETING AT MYC

The photo shows the priests and religious Brothers and Sisters taking a photo with MYC boys after the celebration of Holy Mass.



MEDITATION

The Art of Living Foundation held a 1 ½ hour session for 3 consecutive days, from 28 to 30 January, teaching the students breathing exercise. The aim is to teach these youths, the technique to release stress and obtain the to handle the mind and negative emotions. We thank the volunteers for extending their love to our students and for sharing their knowledge.



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CHINESE NEW YEAR

MYC Chinese New Year celebration was held on 2 February among the boys and staff, and their family members. It started with thanksgiving mass, followed by yee-sang', dinner and presentation by the boys. The highlight of the presentation was the lion dance. After coming back from the festive holiday, a simple celebration of 'Chap Goh Meh' was celebrated in the Home.

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ACTIVITIES BY ASSUMPTION CAMPUS MINISTRY

On 21 February, four lay persons from the Assumption Campus Ministry did a half day fun-filled community building exercise with the boys. They also gave each boy and staff a t-shirt with Christian messages for the Christians and motivational words for the non-Christians. We thank them for their time and for sharing their love with the boys. We are also thankful for the t-shirts and the lovely messages imprinted on them.

VISIT TO PRISON MUSEUM

All boys and staff visited the Prison Museum located at Bandar Hilir, which used to be the Bandar Hilir Prison. It was a good exposure trip not only to the boys but the staff as well; to get the real feel of the place. Among the places visited were the prison cells, the visiting room, the 'sentence room' etc. The canning demonstration, although done via a video presentation had great impact on all who watched it.

JOB INTERVIEWS FOR LEAVING BOYS

50 students will be graduating on 26 June and some had sought MYC to help them look for jobs. All boys who attended the interview got the job. We thank the employers for their trust in our education system. 3 students from the Computer Maintenance Department will be furthering their education. We wish the students all the best.



PREFECTS' SESSION



Prefects' session was held in Port Dickson from 27 to 28 February. It was animated by Bro. Peter K sg. and Bro. Robin D sg. The aim of the trip was to bring them for an outing as well as to give them leadership training to enhance their skills and leadership experience.

VISITING SUNDAY I

After the mid-term examination, parents and guardians came to MYC to meet and interact with the Brothers, teachers and the staff on the progress of their children's skills and formation. They also packed food to have lunch together with their son and other family members. We hold two Visiting Sundays in a year so as to follow up the students' progress with their parents or guardians.

LUBRICANT AND ENGINE OIL TRAINING FOR MECHANIC BOYS

BP Castrol, through their CSR programme, gave a 1 day talk on Lubricant and Engine Oil to 2nd Year boys from the Motor Mechanics Department. We thank them for sharing their knowledge with our students.



TERCENTENARY YEAR OF DEATH OF ST. LOUIS MARIE DE MONTFORT

Bro. Peter and Bro. Robin went to St. Laurent Sur Sevre to join the BSG for the closing of the Tercentenary year of the death of St. Louis Marie de Montfort.

All MYC staff and students and a number of Board members joined MBT for the 300 years feast day celebration. After the celebration of the holy mass, everyone adjourned to the hall for dinner. MYC boys performed two dances for the night. By 11.45p.m. everyone was back to MYC. We thank Bro. Peter I sg. for his warm hospitality.





Assumption Learning Loft (ALL) Twantay, Myanmar

By Province Bulletin

This year, the mission in Twantay (or Twante), Myanmar has reached two years. The humble beginning is now showing some fruits. The Summer Programme saw more than one hundred young people participating in it. The children were enthusiastic to gain some knowledge and confidence in English.

In addition to it, ALL is the learning centre for the University Distance Education (UDE) to equip them in English. This programme spans two years. Currently, there are twenty students in this programme, ten students for each year. All the classes and activities are conducted in the parish ground. Temporarily, the parish allowed the Brothers to use two classrooms in the parish building.



ALL building under construction

The Brothers had purchased a small property just outside the parish ground. The old building, which had housed the UDE students, was torn down. A new building is taking shape. This building will be the permanent premise of ALL. It also will have some rooms for the Brothers and students to stay.

Due to entry regulations, the Brothers are not able to stay in Myanmar. Bro. Dominic Yeo-Koh and Bro. John Albert take turn to visit the mission and to give support and encouragement to the staff. At the moment, Mr. Matino (Ah Ngoh) is the person in-charge of the ALL in Twantay. He is assisted by four staffs.

Twantay Township

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Twantay Township is a township in the Yangon Region of Myanmar. It is located west across the Hlaing River from the city of Yangon. Although the distance from Yangon to Twantay is only 50Km, it takes 1 hour and 30 minutes' drive to reach due to road condition. The principal town and administrative seat is Twantay. The township is home to the Shwesandaw Pagoda (known as "Golden Hair Relic Pagoda" in English) and it is believed to contain strands of hair from the head of Gautama, and its annual pagoda festival is held on Burmese New Year. The longest man made canal in Myanmar is Twantay canal and it is also a shortcut waterway to Ayawaddy river to Yangon river which divides Twantay Township with its length of 35 km and there is one bridge that spans the canal is called Twantay bridge. Baungdawgyoke Monastery in Twantay Township is one the famous as there are pagodas including the replica of Mahabodhi Temple.

The 220 villages of Twantay Township are organized into 65 village tracts and 8 urban wards. Twantay Township is well known for its pottery activities handled by a few families since several generations. It is also area of fish farming in Yangon region.



MONTFORTIAN ASSOCIATES MOVEMENT (MAM) *By Neil Cabrera (MAM)*



From left (starting from last row): Ben Liu, Simon Lim, Bro. John Albert, Wilson Chew, (second row) Bro, Dominic Yeo Koh, Henry Tan, Brother Zerah Goh, Stanley Tan, Neil Cabrera, Andrew Sng, Bro. Thomas Paul, (first row) Jasmine Choo, Genevieve Chye, Doreen Law, Wendy Chan and Paulette Lirio

Singapore: The 30th and 31st General Chapters of the Brothers of St Gabriel had called for empowering the laity as collaborators and partners. Establishing the Associates of the Brothers of St Gabriel under the name Montfortian Associates Movement (MAM) or Montfortian Gabrielite Associates (MGA) had been concretized through the guidelines produced in the year 2009.

To answer the call of the congregation, the Brothers in the Province of Malaysia-Singapore made their commitment to establish the Associates during their provincial Chapter in 2013. By God's blessings, thirteen (13) good souls started to make their preparation under the guidance of Brothers in St. Louis' Fraternity, Singapore. The journey started in

October 2015 and on the 4th April, 2016, in conjunction of the Feast of the Annunciation, the thirteen good souls made their Total Consecration to Jesus through the hands of Mary. And thus, the Montfortian Associates Movement, Singapore was born. They are now officially belonging to the wider Montfortian Family throughout the world. They were officially received into the family by Bro. John Albert, the Delegate of the Provincial Superior.

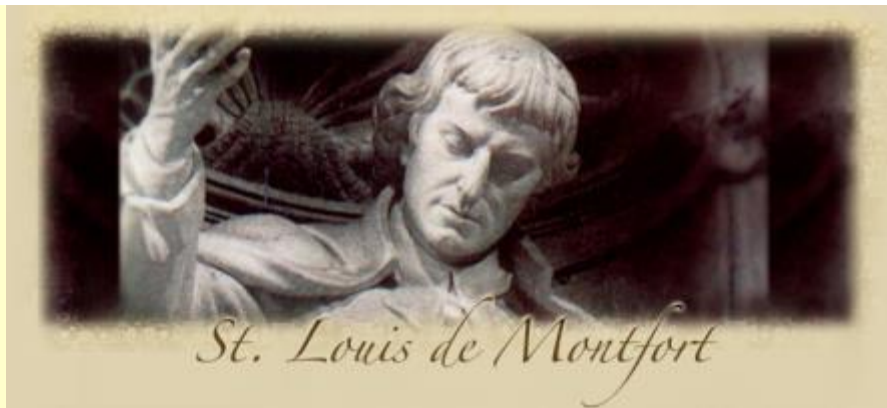
The wider Montfortian Family includes various groups of people who, to a greater or lesser degree, are associated with them. Some of these groups give practical help to the work of the congregation, sharing in a more or less active way in their apostolate. Others, while not being involved actively in working with the congregation, are associated with them through their interest in the spirituality given them by their founder, St Louis Marie de Montfort, following this sometimes to the point of Total Consecration to Jesus Christ through the Hands of Mary, as taught by St. Louis Marie. All are associated with the Montfortian Family through their prayer.

The journey to being a Montfortian Associate starts from being a candidate, and can take between half to a year. The candidacy period is about six months after which one must go through the initiation and formation before going through a retreat and takes the commitment to become an associate.

Associates are lay persons who want to share, live and promote the Montfortian Spirituality and are called to live in Christian Holiness, to desire Jesus Christ who is Divine Wisdom and seek God in prayer and works of charity. An Associate is called to "love and have undivided devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary for she is the shortest and surest way to Divine Wisdom and to attain Him" (St. Louis Marie De Montfort, Love of Eternal Wisdom, Ch.17, No. 203).



Bro. John Albert witnessed the signing of the Total Consecration.



St. Louis Marie de Montfort is the founder of the three Montfortian Religious Congregations; namely; The Company of Mary (SMM), the Daughters of Wisdom (DW) and the Brothers of St. Gabriel (SG). All the three Montfortian Congregations are with Pontifical Right, which are international religious congregations. They serve in many countries around the world in various capacities, to build a just society for the Kingdom of God.

This year, the Montfortian Family celebrates the 300th years Anniversary of the death of their founder.



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